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# **From The Chairman**

**Welcome to the Mayplace Ground as we host Bearsted in a SCEFL League game.**

**Our last encounter with today's visitors saw us narrowly defeated in the first game of last season.**

**Bearsted are currently sitting in 12th position and on 13 points whilst we are lying in 20th with 4 points.**

**A win could see us climb out of the relegation zone, depending on other results.**

**It is a huge 3 points up for grabs!**



# Tower Hamlets

## A Brief History

Tower Hamlets Football Club is an English football club based in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets. The club are currently members of the Essex Senior League and play at the Mile End Stadium. Up until July 2013 the club was playing under the name Bethnal Green United. The club was established in 2000 by Mohammed Nurul Hoque and Akhtar Ahmed as a community club. The club played in several leagues, including the Canary Wharf Summer League, the Inner London Football League and the London Intermediate League, before joining the Middlesex County League. They were granted Senior status after winning the league's Premier Division in 2009, and were promoted to the Essex Senior League. In the 2009–10 season they finished fifth in the ESL and won both cups operated by the Essex Senior League, beating Burnham Ramblers 4–1 in the final of the Gordon Brasted Memorial Trophy.

In 2020 our First Team switched leagues to the Southern Counties East and are playing our home games at Phoenix Sports Mayplace Road Ground.

### Club Honours

FA Vase – Last 16 – 2011/ 2012 season

Eastern Junior Alliance U18 League Cup Champions - 2010/ 11

Essex Senior League Cup - 2009/10

Gordon Brasted Memorial Trophy Champions - 2009/10

Middlesex County 'Premier Division Champions - 2008/09

Middlesex County Open Cup Winners - 2008/09

Middlesex County Premier Division Cup Runners up - 2008/09

Echo League U16 'A' Division Champions - 2008/09

# **Bearsted**

## **A Brief History**

Bearsted FC was founded in 1895 and is one of the oldest clubs in Kent. Originally playing on Bearsted Green the club moved to Honey Lane, Otham in 1998 to enable the club to compete in the Premier Division of the Kent County League.

We are one of the oldest clubs in the County of Kent. Some early history of the club can be found in the book "A history of Bearsted and Thurnham". The club was reformed after the Second World War and continued its participation in the Maidstone and District Saturday Football League running first and reserve sides. It was in the mid 1970's that the Club emerged as one of the leading local Maidstone teams. After applying to join the Maidstone League`s Premier Division the Club finished runners up for three consecutive seasons and then champions for three successive seasons.

At the same time the youth section of the Club started when we took under our wing a young boys club, Bearsted Hornets, who ran U12 and U14 sides. In 1982 the Club was elected into the Kent County League. Since then the Club has won almost every league and cup competition run by that League.

For the last few Seasons Bearsted have finished in a position of safety within The SCEFL Premier Division. The 2016-17 Campaign saw the side end in 12th place and 2017-18 saw a 14th placed finish as did the following year.

In the 2019/20 Season the Bears were heading for a Top 7 finish after a high scoring campaign. However along came Coronovirus and football was wiped out, then again the next year, so we go into 2021/22 aiming to continue our progress as a Club.

The club runs approximately 20 teams including our development squad at Roseacre School for 5-7 year old's, before joining the Junior Section of 8's - 18's (including girls).

Bearsted FC are proud of our ladder of football, which aims to offer opportunities to players of all levels, including development into our Kent Youth League sides, Senior Reserves and First Team.



**Phoenix Sports Club  
Mayplace Road East, Barnehurst, Kent,  
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**“The Southern Counties East Football League supports the ‘Swearing – Let’s Tackle It’ campaign and strongly condemns the use of foul and abusive language at football matches.”**

# Match Filming



**Tower Hamlets are proud to be working with VEO who will be recording our games during the 2021/22 Season**

If any opposition or spectators are looking to also film or use professional photography at our home games please politely inform us at [info@towerhamletsfc.co.uk](mailto:info@towerhamletsfc.co.uk)



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# THE NON-LEAGUE PAPER



ESSENTIAL READING FOR FOLLOWERS OF THE NATIONAL GAME

Stourbridge did something a little unusual last week.

The Southern League Premier Central club appointed Leon Broadhurst and Stuart Pierpoint as joint-managers – something seldom seen in English football.

The pair are no strangers at the War Memorial Athletic ground. Broadhurst is the Glassboys' leading appearance holder with 780 in total while Pierpoint has four fruitful seasons at the club.

They've been playing Non-League football for 20 years and were both still turning out this season – Broadhurst with Bromsgrove Sporting and Pierpoint at Coalville Town.

The popular duo had always said they would go into management together and once Stourbridge approached them it was near impossible to turn down.

Their return to the club has brought excitement added to by a 3-0 victory over Lowestoft Town last weekend in their first game in charge, but how will the uncommon approach of being joint-managers work in the long-term?

"We've been close friends and played together for many years so we know our skillsets," Broadhurst told The NLP. "The first training session it fell into place without our different skills. It was brilliant to see how Stu concentrated on one area and I concentrated on another."

Pierpoint added: "We didn't really verbalise how it was going to work because it's a learning curve for both of us. There will be different elements we're probably not aware of at the moment that will come up.

"But, as Leon said, we do have different skillsets which will benefit us. We have a very similar outlook and similar approach with regards to our expectations and how we see the future.

"However, in terms of how we undertake the role we have different traits that we can bounce off each other. It's all about open communication. We're not going to agree on everything but that's great as well."

In the Premier League and Football League there aren't any managerial partnerships with only Danny and Nicky Cowley coming closest, having worked their way through Non-League, although older brother Danny is officially 'manager'.

Doug Livermore and Ray Clemence were once first-team bosses at Tottenham Hotspur but both were soon axed before Gerard Houlier and Roy Evans took charge of Liverpool in 1998, and Evans quickly resigned.

There are plenty of successful examples outside of the EFL. Chester bosses Anthony Johnson and Bernard Morley have won five promotions together at Ramsbottom United and Salford City while Neil Baker and Jon Underwood have taken Slough Town from Step 4 to National League South. Carl Withers and Jamie McClurg led Binfield to last season's FA Vase final and promotion from Step 5. Rick Andrews and Angelo Harrop, in their short time in charge of AFC Sudbury this year, reached the FA Cup first round proper and are going well in the Isthmian League North.

Broadhurst and Pierpoint have the makings of another successful duo as more Non-League clubs will be asking themselves, is two better than one?

# TOWER HAMLETS

## Fixtures and Results

|         |                          |       |
|---------|--------------------------|-------|
| League  | Canterbury City (A)      | L 1-2 |
| League  | Erith & Belvedere (H)    | L 1-5 |
| FA CUP  | Sheppey United (H)       | L 1-4 |
| League  | Rusthall (A)             | L 0-1 |
| League  | Hollands & Blair (A)     | W 3-0 |
| League  | Fisher (A)               | L 0-2 |
| League  | Glebe (H)                | L 0-4 |
| FA VASE | Balham (A)               | W 2-1 |
| League  | Erith Town (A)           | L 1-3 |
| League  | Lordswood (H)            | D 3-3 |
| FA VASE | Crawley DG (H)           | L 1-3 |
| League  | Holmesdale (H)           | L 1-3 |
| League  | K Sports (A)             | L 2-3 |
| League  | Punjab United (A)        | L 4-5 |
| League  | Deal Town (H)            | L 0-4 |
| League  | Crowborough Athletic (H) | L 0-4 |
| LONDON  | Cray Valley PM (H)       | L 2-5 |
| League  | Bearsted (H)             | 30/10 |



# Premier Division

## Fixtures

### Saturday 30th October

Chatham Town v Glebe  
Erith Town v Sheppey United  
Fisher v Deal Town  
Hollands & Blair v Holmesdale  
Kennington v Erith & Belvedere  
Punjab United v Crowborough Ath  
Rusthall v Lordswood  
Tower Hamlets v Bearsted  
Welling Town v K Sports

### Saturday 23rd October

Chatham Town v Punjab United  
Crowborough Ath v Glebe  
Erith & Belvedere v Fisher



# **Southern Counties East Football League**



## **Premier Division Results**

### **Saturday 16th October**

Tower Hamlets 0-4 Crowborough Athletic

### **Tuesday 19th October**

Crowborough Athletic 0-2 Chatham Town

### **Saturday 23rd October**

Bearsted 0-3 Erith Town

Crowborough Athletic 4-1 Canterbury City

Welling Town 1-0 Hollands & Blair

### **Tuesday 26th October**

Hollands & Blair 0-1 Chatham Town

Sheppey United 2-1 Kennington

Bearsted 2-2 Deal Town

### **Friday 29th October**

Canterbury City 0-4 Tunbridge Wells



# Premier Division SCEFL Table

| #  | Club   |             | M         | W  | D | L  | GF | GA | GD  | Pt |
|----|--|-------------|-----------|----|---|----|----|----|-----|----|
| 1  |  Sheppey United     | W W W W W > | <u>11</u> | 10 | 1 | 0  | 31 | 11 | 20  | 31 |
| 2  |  Erith Town         | D W W W W > | <u>13</u> | 10 | 1 | 2  | 28 | 15 | 13  | 31 |
| 3  |  Chatham Town       | W W W W W > | <u>11</u> | 10 | 0 | 1  | 29 | 7  | 22  | 30 |
| 4  |  Glebe              | W W L W W > | <u>11</u> | 9  | 1 | 1  | 35 | 10 | 25  | 28 |
| 5  |  Deal Town          | W W W W D > | <u>12</u> | 9  | 1 | 2  | 28 | 8  | 20  | 28 |
| 6  |  Erith & Belvedere  | W L D W W > | <u>9</u>  | 7  | 1 | 1  | 25 | 10 | 15  | 22 |
| 7  |  Holmesdale       | L W W L W > | <u>14</u> | 7  | 1 | 6  | 23 | 16 | 7   | 22 |
| 8  |  Tunbridge Wells  | L W W L W > | <u>11</u> | 6  | 1 | 4  | 27 | 17 | 10  | 19 |
| 9  |  Kennington       | L W D W L > | <u>13</u> | 5  | 4 | 4  | 32 | 28 | 4   | 19 |
| 10 |  K Sports         | W W W L L > | <u>11</u> | 5  | 2 | 4  | 21 | 22 | -1  | 17 |
| 11 |  Canterbury City  | L L W L L > | <u>14</u> | 4  | 3 | 7  | 18 | 31 | -13 | 15 |
| 12 |  Bearsted         | D L W L D > | <u>13</u> | 3  | 4 | 6  | 19 | 29 | -10 | 13 |
| 13 |  Fisher           | L D L W L > | <u>11</u> | 3  | 3 | 5  | 16 | 16 | 0   | 12 |
| 14 |  Crowborough Ath  | L L W L W > | <u>13</u> | 3  | 3 | 7  | 20 | 28 | -8  | 12 |
| 15 |  Hollands & Blair | W D L L L > | <u>14</u> | 3  | 2 | 9  | 16 | 24 | -8  | 11 |
| 16 |  Welling Town     | L L L L W > | <u>11</u> | 2  | 2 | 7  | 14 | 26 | -12 | 8  |
| 17 |  Punjab United    | L L L W L > | <u>12</u> | 2  | 2 | 8  | 20 | 33 | -13 | 8  |
| 18 |  Rusthall         | L L L L W > | <u>12</u> | 2  | 1 | 9  | 14 | 36 | -22 | 7  |
| 19 |  Lordswood        | D L L L L > | <u>11</u> | 1  | 2 | 8  | 10 | 36 | -26 | 5  |
| 20 |  Tower Hamlets    | L L L L L > | <u>13</u> | 1  | 1 | 11 | 16 | 39 | -23 | 4  |

Up to and including 30th October

# Player Sponsors



**Tower Hamlets are welcoming Player Sponsors for our 2021/22 Season in the Southern Counties East Football League.**

Those sponsoring a player will have a season long mention in this matchday programme, receive Social Media mentions and feel the warm glow of helping support their local football club.

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# SportBlogs

## Ruben Carvalho

The Portuguese wonder kid.

From his humble beginnings in Portugal to shining and taking centre stage in the English academy footballing system. A story which has only just begun!

Ruben would grow up Reboleira which is located in the country of Portugal. His passion for football would be seen and witnessed from a young age having started off his journey early on. His talent was clear. This would be rewarded through being given the opportunity to showcase his talent for the prestigious Portuguese professional clubs Sporting Lisbon and Benfica. Great clubs which enabled the young man to enhance his education on the game.

At the slender age of 7 Ruben would make the move abroad to England. A huge decision but one that was required as part of the journey.

On his arrival to England it wouldn't be long till the clubs were chasing after him. To briefly put it Ruben absolutely teared up the academy game. 5 years at Chelsea, a year with Charlton and also stints with West ham and Watford.

None would materialize into a professional contract however the education taken was priceless. Showboating his skills and talent to the game. The English academy Neymar?

Wherever he went he showed his class and proved why he was so highly rated.

As he grew older the chances became limited in the younger age groups and he would have to prove his worth in the trenches of non league. Applying his trade with Staines and Enfield Borough for a period of time whilst also playing for then Sunday league outfit Rising Ballers. Ripped it up. Nothing surprising. Standard procedure.

Now at the age of 20 the tantalizing baller is looking to climb up the footballing ladder. Proven his worth in the younger age groups and now it's time to take the senior game by storm. He is now set to play for isthmian league side Basildon as he continues to embark on this unique journey of his. His talent is unquestionable but we all know this game is brutal. Regardless of these setbacks this young man will continue to climb and it won't be long till they'll all be chasing after his signature once again. Ruben Carvalho, remember the name!



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# THE TEAMS



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